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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10/14/2010.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1,13-16,18,23,24,27,28 and 30-35 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) 30-35 is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 27 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1,13,14,16,18 and 28 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 15,23 and 24 is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10/15/2010.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1, 13-16, 18, 23, 24, 27, 28, and 30-35 are pending in the instant application. Claims 30-35 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to non-elected subject matter. Claims 1, 13, 14, 16, 18, and 28 are rejected. Claim 15, 23 and 24 are objected. Claim 27 appears to be allowable.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement filed on October 15, 2010 has been considered and a signed copy of form 1449 is enclosed herewith.

Response to Amendment and Arguments/Remarks

The amendment and arguments/remarks filed on October 14, 2010 have been fully considered and entered into the application. In regards to the 35 U.S.C. 102(b) rejections as being anticipated by WO 00/26197 and WO 01/25189, the grounds for rejection are found to be moot in view of Applicant's amendment and the rejections have been withdrawn. In regards to the objection, the grounds for objection are also found to be moot in view of Applicant's amendment and the objection has been withdrawn. However, this amendment has necessitated new grounds of rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), which are described below.

New Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 13, 14, 16, 18, and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by WO 02/057236.

Specifically, WO 02/057236 discloses compounds which are used in pharmaceutical compositions (i.e., abstract), such as the compound 2-[3-(5-methyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)phenoxy]-N-[3-trifluoromethyl-4-(2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-1-yl)phenyl]-2-valeramide (see page 50). The above compound anticipates a compound of the instant claims.

Claim Objections

Claims 15, 23 and 24 are objected to for depending on a rejected claim.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 27 appears to be allowable (i.e., no prior art has been found).

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KRISTIN BIANCHI whose telephone number is (571)270-5232. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 7am-3:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph McKane can be reached on 571-272-0699. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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